

WELCOME TO CITY OF SOUTH FULTON



FIRST 100 DAYS

Working Together...
is Working!
Help Us Make History

CITY REPORT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Mission Statement

To help craft the Mission, Priorities and Vision Statement, we consulted with Georgia Municipal Association, Clarification and Mediation LLC, and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government for assistance. The City Council and I had lengthy discussions on how to best formulate a mission statement and prioritize programs to make the City of South Fulton the best and safest place for all families. Our early efforts yielded the following results:

To provide exceptional customer service that sustains a safe, inclusive, innovative, and economically vibrant city.



Priorities

1. Improve Parks and Recreation
2. Improve Public Safety-Police and Fire
3. Economic Development
4. Planning-Review and update Comprehensive and Land Use Plans
5. Create and Implement Branding and Messaging

Looking Ahead

- Hire a permanent City Manager and Chief of Police
- Transition the remaining services:
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Public Works
- Permanent Name for the City
- Permanent Seal for the City

The future of the City of South Fulton is bright. We will continue working together to make it a stellar place to live, work and play. In closing, let's continue working together and see what kind of remarkable results are realized in the near future.



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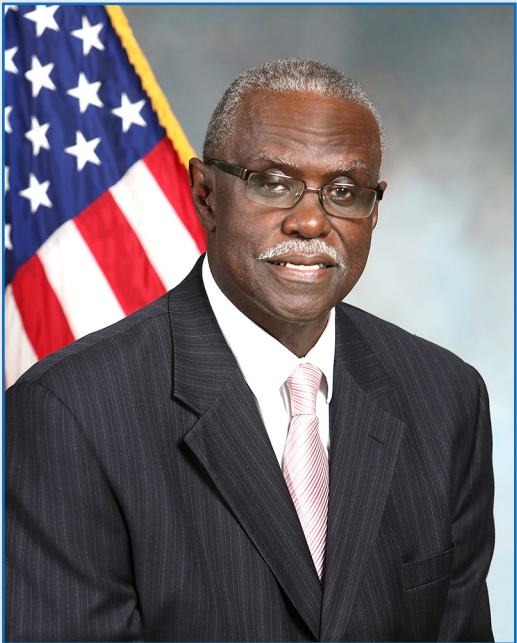
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“Moving Forward
with an Efficient and
Effective Government.”

“Collaboration with
other Cities”

After 100 days in office as Mayor of the City of South Fulton, a heartfelt thank you is extended to the citizens, City Council, the Interim City Manager and City staff along with the business, philanthropic and faith-based communities for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Mayor of this wonderful city. Signs of progress are everywhere. As your leader, the accomplishments listed are not mine alone but ours, based on what I heard you say were significant issues to be addressed in starting up and leading a new city government. I can say without a doubt in the history of my 30+ years in public service, leading the City of South Fulton has been nothing short of the most humbling experience of my life.

During my oath of office and my many interactions with individual citizens, communities and governmental entities, I promised to lead a city government that works for everyone. In the pages that follow, you will see that we have created an aggressive agenda focused on transitioning to cityhood and putting the necessary infrastructure in place to govern a new city. With that said, jobs, fiscal sustainability, children and public safety are always at the forefront of my agenda.

We have heard from the people of the City of South Fulton and we are vigorously moving ahead to respond. While we have only been in office a brief time, the City Council and I are taking action to deliver a world-class city where everyone matters. We are setting a solid foundation for generations to come.

Recognizing that we are a new city, it was important for me to collaborate with surrounding municipalities to discuss the challenges encountered in laying the ground work in starting a new city. The Mayor and Council of Peachtree Corners graciously hosted me and the Council of the City of South Fulton. A number of excellent ideas were shared that enabled our government to begin on a more solid footing.

Historically, a lot of emphasis has been placed on the first 100 days of a new administration. Personally, I think the true test of what our city will accomplish is still ahead and, as I’ve said numerous times, the administration will not be able to accomplish anything notable alone. In the weeks, months and years to come, I look forward to working with City Council, our many community partners and, most importantly, you to create a fairer future for all citizens of the City of South Fulton.

Sincerely,

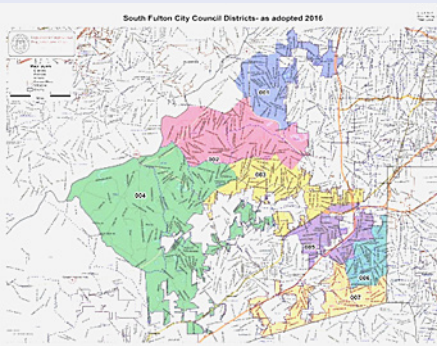
William “Bill” Edwards
Mayor
City of South Fulton, Georgia

Collection of Taxes and Fees

- Adoption of Taxation Ordinance: Allows municipalities to set the millage rate and ad valorem taxes for all real property within the City;
- Adoption of Business and Occupation Taxation Ordinance: Authorizes municipalities to impose business occupation taxes and fees;
- Adoption of Excise Taxation of Adult Beverages Ordinance: Authorizes municipalities to impose an excise tax on the sale of distilled spirits; sale of drinks containing distilled spirits; the sale of malt beverages; and sale of wine by the package;

Imposing 90-Day Moratoriums

- Zoning: Allows the Mayor and City Council to study and make independent decisions on the matters of city planning and zoning with the City;
- Alcohol Permits: Allows the Mayor and City Council to study and make independent decisions on the licensing and regulation of age-restricted establishments which serve alcohol within the City;
- In July, a Zoning Moratorium extension was issued on all zoning applications;



Creation of Boards and Commissions

- Adoption of Ordinance establishing the Planning Commission: Authorizing municipalities to establish a **Planning Commission** to oversee all zoning and planning of the City is in the best interest of the City;
- Adoption of Ordinance establishing the Zoning Board of Appeals: Authorizing municipalities to establish a **Zoning Board of Appeals** to oversee all zoning and planning appeals regarding real property within the City’s borders is in the best interest of the City;
- Adoption of Ordinance establishing Building Regulations: Allows the city to **regulate and license the erection and construction of buildings** and all other structures and to adopt building, housing, plumbing, electrical, gas, and heating and air conditioning codes.



Transition to Cityhood

Prior to May 1, 2017, Gov. Nathan Deal named the Governor's Transition Commission on South Fulton. The General Assembly passed HB 514 in the 2016 legislative session, which created referendums to establish the City of South Fulton. Under the legislation, the commission was issued a charge to prepare for the establishment of its city by facilitating the provision of community services and facilities, the collection of taxes and fees, and the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements.

William "Bill" Edwards on April 29, 2017 was sworn in as the new and first Mayor of the City of South Fulton, Georgia.

In just 100 days, the City enacted legislation to establish the City of South Fulton as a progressive and modern-day city. On day 1, and in subsequent meetings, the City Council unanimously passed key legislation to determine how the city would operate and meet its fiscal responsibilities to support its citizenry. As the clock ticks down to November 2018, we are transitioning critical services from Fulton County to our new city.

Starting with what has been re coined Development Services, the Planning and Community Services Department and the Code Enforcement Division, formerly within the Police Department, have been successfully merged and transitioned over to the

city. Different than existing cities, it is important to understand that transitioning to a city has major human and fiscal impacts.

Key Legislation

If any governmental entity is to survive and thrive there must be legislation in place to collect and dispense funds. Along with legislation to protect the environment, zoning, land use and public safety, just to mention a few.



Immediately after the passage of legislation recognizing Act Number 421 of the 2016 Session of the Georgia General Assembly as the Charter of the City of South Fulton, we were charged with the adoption of a code of ordinances for the city; which included the ability to have funds to meet the city's operational and fiscal responsibilities; collection

of taxes, fees, assessments and other revenue; declaring the city of South Fulton's authority within the municipal boundaries; imposing a 90-day Moratorium on the issuance of all zoning applications; imposing a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of all Alcohol Licensing Permits for Age-Restricted Establishments; ensuring negotiations began for employee benefits; authorizing negotiations for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County; and creating various boards and commissions.

Infrastructure Building



In addition to adoption of key legislation and fine tuning the mission and priorities, the City of South Fulton initiated the building of a city infrastructure to govern within the requirements of the Charter. On inauguration day, the Interim City Manager, Interim City Attorney and the City Clerk were appointed and approved. This allowed the City to hire strategic staff to manage the day to day operations and functions in areas of Finance, Planning, Zoning, Human Resources, and Code Enforcement. Each department is vigorously hiring the best and most qualified candidates to staff these departments and thereby ensuring the needs of the residents of the City of South Fulton are met.

As chief executive officer of the city government, and presiding officer of the city council, the Mayor is responsible for the efficient and orderly administration of the city's affairs. He must sign all written and approved contracts, ordinances, resolutions and other instruments, and he is charged with preparing an agenda for each meeting.

As the head coach and leader-in-chief the Mayor, with approval and confirmation by the City Council, worked tirelessly to stand the city up by passing the following legislation; thereby allowing the administration to build our infrastructure.

- Authorizing the City to establish and open bank accounts
- Establishing the Fiscal Year as commencing on October 1 and concluding on September 30.



- Authorizing the City Council to accept a short term loan from Iberia Bank in the form of a Tax Anticipation Note
- Approving Certain Contracts for Employee Benefits
- Adopting Pension Plans
- Establishing the City's Holiday Schedule
- Designating the Legal Organ for the COSF
- Stating intent to be a Certified City of Ethics
- Establishing the time for City Council Sessions and Work Sessions
- Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fulton County for the provision of services during transition.
- Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fulton County Tax Commissioner for Collection of Municipal Taxes
- Entering into franchise agreements with utility companies, cable companies and telephone companies.





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